

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

By the present Preliminary Amendment the specification is amended to make a minor clarification and to submit a new Abstract believed to be in more proper format under United States practice.

Further, claims 1-12 are canceled without prejudice and new claims 13-24 are presented for examination. New claims 13-24 are deemed to be self-evident from the original disclosure, including the original claims, and thus are not deemed to raise any issues of new matter. New claims 13-24 are not believed to be more narrow in scope in any aspect in comparison with canceled claims 1-12.

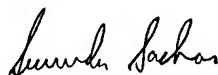
Substitute Figures 4 and 14 are also submitted herein. Substitute Figure 4 now recites at step ST25 the operation of "Notification To Switch Source MTF". Further, substitute Figure 14 instead of reciting the term "IM1a: HANDOVER FROM UTRAN COMMAND" now more properly recites --IM1: HANDOVER FROM UTRAN COMMAND--.

The presently submitted amendments and substitute figures are not believed to raise any issues of new matter.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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